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Re: Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114  
Application Serial No. 10/050,907; Filed: January 18, 2002

**RCE Filing Date: November 25, 2003**

For: **Apparatus And Methods For Separating Liquids From Solids**

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Our Ref: 02514.0007.NPUS01

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Petition for Extension of Time (in duplicate);
2. Request for Continued Examination (RCE);
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